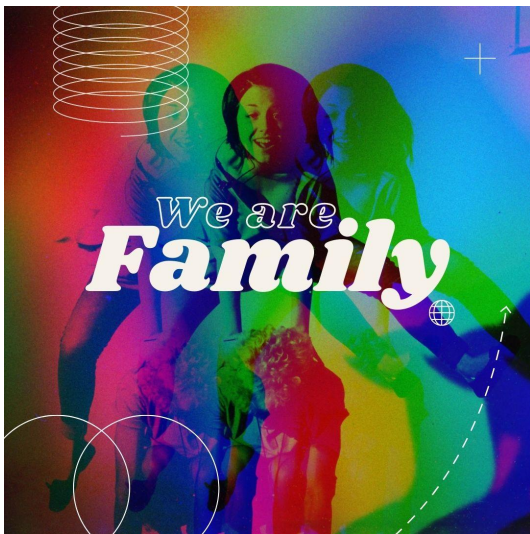


WE ARE FAMILY

Session 11



‘Family Festivals’

Leviticus 23

UP: Introduction

- What’s the best thing about getting together with family or friends? What are some of your favourites?
- What purpose do gatherings of family or friends serve?

IN: Explore

READ: Leviticus 23

- This chapter explains the principal feasts that YHWH instructed the Israelites to keep. What words or patterns jump out at you?
- Two of the words in Hebrew that are repeated are מִקְרָא (*miqra*) and מוֹעֵד (*moed*). They can be translated as ‘reading’ and ‘appointed times’. In light of this, what might be the purpose of a ‘sacred assembly’?
- YHWH ordained festivals as times of thanksgiving, holiness, rest and fellowship. How does that transfer to Sunday worship as Christians?
- What difference might it make if more ‘festivals’ were practiced in our church community?

OUT: Impact

- If festivals, celebrations and gatherings are about retelling God’s story, worshipping God and celebrating God’s goodness, what might flow out of them?
- How can we make all of our ‘sacred assemblies’ about the above, whilst introducing new people to ancient practices?